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**For:** DERIVATIVES OF VENLAFAXINE AND  
METHODS OF PREPARING AND USING  
THE SAME

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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

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Sir:

Prior to examination of the above-captioned application on the merits,  
Applicant respectfully requests that the following amendments and remarks be considered  
by the Examiner and entered into the file of the application.

**Amendments to the Specification** begin on page 2 of this paper.

**Amendments to the Claims** begin on page 3 of this paper.

**Remarks** begin on page 4 of this paper.